DoD Voluntary Assisted Departure

- **What is Voluntary Assisted Departure?**
  - Due to the current events in Japan, the Department of Defense (DoD) has approved a voluntary authorized departure of all eligible family members (EFMs) of the DoD located on the Island of Honshu. This authorization provides EFMs a way to be removed from the current environment and travel back to the CONUS without cost to the member. It also provides entitlements for these EFMs during their departure.

- **Who is an "Eligible Family Member"?**
  - Eligible Family Members (EFMs) are defined as:

    *An individual related to a US Government employee in one of the following ways**:***

    - Spouse

    ***- Child,** who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;*

    ***- Parent** (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;*

    ***- Sister or brother** (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.*

- **How do I know what I am entitled to?**
  - Dependents of uniformed personnel will be processed for these allowances in accordance with Joint Federal Travel Regulations, Chapter 6 Part A. Eligible family members of DoD civilian employees will be processed as indicated in Joint Travel Regulations, Chapter 6 Part C.

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- **Eligibility for DoD voluntary authorized departure:**
  - **Eligible Family Members located on the island of Honshu.**
- **Repatriation Sites:**
  - **Current “Safe Haven” is CONUS (48 States), potentially Seattle and San Francisco. From there follow on travel will be arranged. Requests to travel OCONUS or to foreign destinations require Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense approval.**
- **Length of departure:**
  - **The authorized departure status will remain in effect until terminated by the Dept of State; however no more than 30 days is current estimate**
- **How to arrange travel:**
  - **Contact your local Voluntary Assisted Departure Representative (VADR)**
  - **For Yokota AB, POC’s can be located online and on Channel 20. 374th is collecting required documents at 1200 daily at XXX**

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- **Required Documentation:**
  - **USFJ Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) data card (available from VADR)**
  - **Passport**
  - **Common access card (CAC) if applicable**
  - **Dependent ID / Marriage Certificate**
  - **PCS orders bringing you to Japan**
  - **Proof of birth or command sponsorship for newborns**

- **Luggage Restrictions:**
  - **1 checked bag and 1 carry on allowed**
  - **This may be expanded based on the carrier**

- **Pet Restrictions:**
  - **Member is authorized transportation of up to two household pets (with shot records)**
  - **Non-typical animals (horses, fish, birds, various rodents, etc) are not authorized**

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- **Unaccompanied baggage (UB):**
  - **Evacuees may ship up to 350 lbs of UB per evacuee age 12 and older, 175 lbs per evacuee under age 12 - total NTE 1,000 lbs**
  - **When shipment by air freight is not possible because of circumstances beyond evacuee's control, air freight replacement allowance is authorized to help defray costs of items ordinarily shipped as follows:**
    - **1 evacuee - $250**
    - **2 evacuees - $450**
    - **3 or more evacuees - $600 (total)**

- **Additional information and guidance available at: http://newpreview.afnews.af.mil/yokota/library/earthquake&tsunamireliefinfo.asp**